

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1946 – HB 2138

June 6, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (009920): Requires the Department of Education to establish a pilot program of mandated attendance in an alternative school for students who have been suspended in Metro Nashville/Davidson County for the school year 2007-08. Such pilot project shall be subject to alternative school staffing and space availability. Requires the department to monitor and review the pilot project and to report the results to the House and Senate Education Committees and the State Board of Education by February 16, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$7,655,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – \$4,122,000*

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

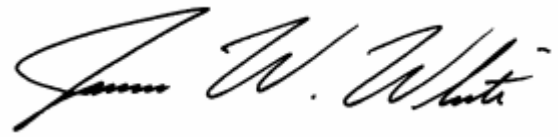
Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Education, any cost to establish and monitor the pilot program in the Metro Nashville/Davidson County school system is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources of the department.
- Any cost to the school system to participate in the pilot program is estimated to be not significant. This estimate assumes that the number of suspended students placed in alternative schools will be subject to available space and existing staff.
- This estimate assumes no increase in the number of facilities available or any increase in staffing for such facilities.

- Under current law, attendance in an alternative school is voluntary for suspended students unless the local board of education adopts a policy mandating attendance.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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